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rookery of the birds on Laysan Island, H. I. The complete Year Book consists of 880 pages.—C. B.

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SUBSPECIES OF *Meleagris gallopavo* AND PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE NOMENCLATURE OF CERTAIN NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS. By E. W. Nelson. (Author's separate from the *Auk* XVII, No. 2, Apl. 1900)

This paper is of interest to Coast ornithologists in that it proposes to separate the flickers of California and the rocky mountain region from *colaptes cafer*, under the sub-specific name of *Colaptes cafer collaris* (Vig.), the subspecies being "distinguished from true *cafer* by its larger size, decidedly longer bills, paler upper parts, more sparsely spotted under parts and broader black tips to tail-feathers." The range or *C. c. saturator* remains as before.

*Sayornis nigricans* is subdivided into three races, of which *Sayornis n. semiatra* (Vigors) is ascribed to the "Pacific Coast of Mexico and the United States from Colima to Oregon, including most of Arizona." It is stated that the type localities of both *Colaptes cafer collaris* and *Sayornis nigricans semiatra* may be considered as Monterey, Cal.—C. B.

FOOD OF THE BOBOLINK, BLACKBIRDS AND GRACKLES. (Bulletin No. 13, Department of Agriculture. By F. E. L. Beal, 1900).

This is another of the excellent food bulletins issued by the Biological Survey. The food habits of the several birds are gone into minutely, and in each case large numbers of stomachs have been examined and the contents tabulated in careful form. Notes from observers are also given, all of which permits of the possibility of making the deductions correct, so that they may be applied generally to any locality. The bobolink finds the balance against him, owing to the extensive depredations upon the rice crop in the South, aside from which the species does not appear to be injurious. Much evidence is presented for and against the blackbirds, the chief danger seeming to be in the localities where the birds congregate in great numbers, in which cases their capacity to do damage is tremendous if the opportunity offers. This bulletin should be in the hands of every ornithologist as well as every enterprising agriculturist, that they may appreciate the exceedingly valuable and systematic work which is being done by the Biological Survey for agricultural interests.—C. B.



Mr. Joseph Mailliard presented a paper entitled "Spring Notes from Merced County, California" at a recent meeting of the Section of Ornithology of the California Academy of Sciences.

## Publications Received

DUGMORE A. RADCLYFFE, Bird Homes. (See Sept. review).

KOBBE, W. H. The Birds of Cape Disappointment, Washington. (From 'The Auk' XVII, Oct. 1900).

NELSON, E. W. Descriptions of Thirty New North American Birds, in the Biological Survey Collection. (from 'The Auk,' XVII, July 1900.

NELSON, E. W. Description of a New Subspecies of *Meleagris gallopavo* and Proposed Changes in the Nomenclature of certain North American Birds. (From 'The Auk,' XVII, April, 1900.

OSGOOD, WILFRED H., North American Fauna No. 18; Revision of the Pocket Mice of the Genus *Perognathus*. Sept. 20, 1900.

SHUFELDT, Dr. R. W. Professor Collett on the Morphology of the Cranium and the Auricular Openings in the North-European Species of the Family *Strigidae*. (Reprint from the Journal of Morphology, XVII No. 1).

VAN DENBURGH, J. Notes on Some Birds of Santa Clara Co., California (See Sept. review).

Annual Report of the U. S. National Museum 1898.

Aside from the formal report of the work accomplished by the Museum during the year, the volume is devoted to an exhaustive treatise on "The Crocodilians, Lizards and Snakes of North America" by Edw. D. Cope.

A Review of Economic Ornithology in the United States. By T. S. Palmer (Reprint from Yearbook for 1899).

*Auk*, The XVII, Nos. 3, 4. July. October 1900.

*Bird-Lore*, II Nos. 4, 5. Aug. Oct. 1900.

*Bittern*, The I, Nos. 2, 3. Aug. Oct. 1900.

Biological Survey Circular No. 28. Directory of state officials and organizations concerned with the protection of birds and game.

Biological Survey Circular No. 29. Protection and importation of birds under act of Congress approved May 25, 1900.

Biological Survey Circular No. 31. Information Concerning Game; Seasons, Shipment, and Sale.

Bulletin No. 13, U. S. Department of Agriculture. Food of the Bobolink, Blackbirds and Grackles. 1900.

Bulletin No. 56, Agricultural Experiment Station of the Agricultural College of Colorado. A second appendix to Bulletin No. 37 on 'The Birds of Colorado.' May. 1900.

Bulletin of the Chicago Academy of Sciences, II. Nos. III and IV, June 1900.

Journal of the Maine Ornithological Society, II. No. 3, July 1900.

Land of Sunshine XIII, Nos. 2, 3 and 4. July, Aug., Sept.-Oct., '00.

*Maine Sportsman* VII, Nos. 84, 85, 86. Aug., Sept., Oct., 1900.

*North American Fauna* No. 19. Results of a Biological Reconnaissance of the Yukon River Region. Oct. 6, 1900.

*Notes on Rhode Island Ornithology* I, Nos. 3, 4. July, Oct. 1900.

*Oologist*, The XVII Nos. 7, 8. July-Aug., Sept.-Oct., 1900.

*Ornithologisches Jahrbuch* XI, Nos. 4 and 5. July-Oct., 1900.

*Osprey*, The IV, Nos. 10, 11-12, June, July-Aug., 1900.

*Our Animal Friends* XXVII, Nos. 11, 12, XXXIII, Nos. 1, 2, July-Oct., 1900.

*Our Dumb Animals* XXXIII, Nos. 2, 3, 4. July, Aug., Sept., 1900.

*Plant World*. III. Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 9. June July Aug., Sept '00.

*Popular Science* XXXIV Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11. Aug.-Nov., 1900.

*Recreation*, XIII, Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5. Aug-Nov. 1900.

*Sunset*, V, Nos 2, 3, June, July, 1900.

*Wilson Bulletin*, No. 32, July, 1900.

*Year Book*, Dept. of Agriculture, 1899.



## Official Minutes of Northern Division

### SEPTEMBER

The Club met at the residence of C. Barlow in Santa Clara with twelve members present and president Emerson in the chair. Mr. Chas. R. Keyes was present as a visitor. Six names were proposed for membership, as follows: Chas. R. Keyes of Berkeley, Miss A. F. Keefer of Oakland, F. C. Clark of Napa, Forrest Hanford of Oakland, Wm. L. Finley of Berkeley and F. S. Barnhart of Los Banos.

The secretary presented the first draft of a proposed bill for the protection of all unprotected Californian native birds which was prepared after a conference with Senator E. K. Taylor. The clauses of the bill were carefully discussed and the completed draft ordered submitted to the Southern Division for action.

The scientific portion of the program was proceeded to and the following papers read: "Breeding of *Agelaius tricolor* in Madera Co., Cal." by Joseph Mailliard; "Nesting of Clarke's Nutcracker" by W. H. Parker; "Probable Causes of Bird Scarcity in Parts of the Sierras" by J. J. Williams. Upon motion, the next meeting was voted to be held at Palo Alto. Adjourned.

### NOVEMBER

The Northern Division met Nov. 3 at the residence of Theodore J. Hoover in Palo Alto with thirteen members present and Messrs. F. H. Fowler and R. E. Snodgrass as visitors. Six active members were elected as follows: Chas. R. Keyes of Berkeley; Miss A. F. Keefer of

Oakland; Forrest Hanford of Oakland; F. S. Barnhart of Los Banos; F. C. Clark of Napa and William L. Finley of Berkeley. The proposed Bird Bill of the Club was given its final reading and was amended by the insertion of an anti-poison clause as suggested by the Southern Division. The bill was then adopted. It was ordered that Mr. F. M. Dille's offer of 100 Colorado bird skins to the Club, as also Mr. Emerson's of 200 skins, both be accepted, and that the work of getting together a Club collection be pushed. The secretary was named as temporary custodian of such skins as might be sent in.

Five names were proposed for active membership as follows: F. H. Fowler of Palo Alto, M. P. Anderson of Menlo Park; J. S. Burcham of Stanford; R. E. Snodgrass and J. F. Illingworth of Palo Alto; action to be taken at the next meeting. Remarks were made suggesting a change in the cover of THE CONDOR for its third volume. Referred to committee consisting of W. O. Emerson, W. K. Fisher and C. A. Nace with power to act. Nominations for officers for the Northern Division and Club-at-Large for 1901 were opened, resulting as follows: for president, Joseph Grinnell; vice-president, H. R. Taylor; secretary, C. Barlow; treasurer, Donald A. Cohen.

The matter of dropping the possessive case in common bird names appearing in printed lists in THE CONDOR was discussed pro and con. No action was taken. The September and October reports of the Southern Division were read and filed. The following papers were presented: "Nesting of the California Condor on the Slopes of the Cuyamacas" by P. L. Gedney; "The White-crowned Sparrow," by L. Belding; "In Defense of the Chipmunk" by L. Belding and Ernest Adams; "Parrots in the United States" by R. D. Lusk; "Occurrence in California of Harris's Sparrow" by W. Otto Emerson. The Division adjourned to meet at the residence of E. H. Skinner in San Jose Jan 12.

C. BARLOW, Division Secretary.

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### SEPTEMBER

The Division met Sept. 27 at the studio of Roth Reynolds in Los Angeles with thirteen members present. Mr. F. T. Schriver was present as a visitor. Roy Pemberton of Los Angeles was elected to membership. The name of E. D. Tredwell of Santa Monica was proposed by Mr. Chambers. It was decided to hold the annual outing meeting at Mt. Wilson on Oct. 29. In the matter of the proposed amendment to Sec. 626 of the Penal Code relating to bird protection, the secretary was instructed to notify the Northern Division of the general approval of the draft as prepared